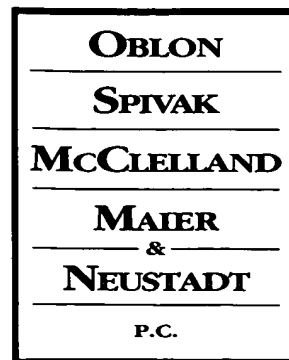




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The “examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance,” included under the heading “EXAMINER’S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE,” on page 2 attached to the “Notice of Allowability” (PTOL-37) that is in turn attached to the “Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due” mailed December 23, 2005, is mistaken in referring to the subject matter of allowed independent Claims 1 and 5.

In this regard, allowed independent Claim 1 is a method claim that recites process steps of “obtaining a speed ratio” and “setting the speed ratio,” not the “speed ratio calculating means” or the “parameter setting means” of Claims 3 and 7. While independent Claim 5 is an apparatus claim, it does not recite the “speed ratio calculating means” or the “parameter setting means” of Claims 3 and 7.

Accordingly, the above-noted "EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE" is clearly in error as to the subject matter of independent Claims 1 and 5 and should be modified in this regard to indicate the actual subject matter included in these claims.

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